

Interpreting the News

John and Allen Dulles Team Seek to Penetrate Reds' Mask

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John Foster Dulles has to be more diplomatic in his public pronouncements than his brother Allen or than George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor.

As Secretary of State, Foster Dulles' chief objective at this moment is to determine whether Soviet Russia's expressions of policy are to be accepted or rebuffed. He's not supposed to take chances either way, or to say anything that might endanger the least hope of peace.

As head of the Central Intelligence Agency, Allen Dulles provides much of the information on which Foster Dulles must base his judgments, and isn't supposed to say much of anything.

An important part of George Meany's job is to see to it that American labor doesn't get sucked in by 'isms' which deflect it from its main goal. His organization has been active not merely in combatting Communism in the United

States, but also in thwarting the plans of the World Federation of Trade Unions, a Moscow-sponsored organization whose only purpose is to enslave labor all over the world in the Red Revolution, the success of which would condemn all labor organizations to the impotency and "collaborationism" of those in Russia.

These three Americans have all discussed Soviet policy this week. Foster Dulles spoke in a considerably more conservative tone than when he first returned from the Big Four conference at Geneva a few weeks ago. The United States is making a ceaseless effort, he said in effect, to protect each and all of its own interests while studying every possibility that a more peaceful world can be worked out. There was nothing reminding in his words of "peace in our time," but doors were being kept open.

His sober approach may or may not have been influenced by his brother. A short time before Foster Dulles spoke, Allen had been say-

ing that he had no information to indicate that Russia was backing down on the cold war. The subversive campaign of International Communism goes forward as usual he said. Foster recognized the possibility that Russian peaceful emanations were merely a part of the old familiar Communist tactic of "zig zag."

Speaking from the same American Legion platform after the Secretary, Meany was more specific about the blacks and whites, especially blacks, of the situation. He was under no compulsion to keep any doors open.

"Nothing has happened," he said, to indicate any change in Russian plans for world domination. That's why, he said, the Federation of Labor has "flatly turned down all propositions of exchanging delegations with the Communist countries."

The nature of the different duties of the three men must be taken into consideration in considering their words.

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